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PROGRAM UPDATES

Kathy Skippen

The "State of Substance Use Disorder Treatment for the State of Idaho" address would be a confusing one currently. There is considerable pressure in the legislature to cut spending to address the growing concern over a continued revenue shortfall. To date we are unaware of any move to reduce the spending level for SUD treatment, but it is hard to know what will be cut. We believe the "fat" is gone from all state funding and what is left is "meat".

On our current FY2011 treatment budget, things are looking considerably better than last year, but we are certainly not in the black. We are continuing to take steps to hold spending down. Clients in treatment through the child protection liaison program, who have previously received treatment with SUD funding, will in most cases be moved to Emergency Assistance (EA) TANF funding till the end of the current fiscal year, and new clients going in through this program will enter under the EA funding stream. This funding source can be used for a 90-day period for a client, so at the end of that period a decision will be made on a client-by-client basis, whether they will be moved back to SUD funding or discharged from treatment. From a provider perspective, you should not experience much change.

SUD staff is working on developing a benefit package for state-funded SUD treatment, seeing this as the future for controlling treatment spending. This will take considerable effort and vision. We will be seeking input at various points along the way from you. It will obviously need to be a plan that produces results for the client and is workable for providers. We cannot continue to control spending by further restriction on who gets into treatment, but must instead develop a reasonable plan for how we treat those who need it.

We are also working on developing more options for services under recovery support. The ATR grant requires that a substantial percentage of funds go for RSS. We see this as a positive move and one that will become a more integral part of the benefit package mentioned previously.

By the next newsletter we should have more concrete information concerning the SUD treatment budget for FY2012. And hopefully the news will be good.

Every time you smile at
someone, it is an action of love,
a gift to that person,
a beautiful thing.
Mother Teresa

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITIONS IN IDAHO

Terry Pappin

The Community Coalitions of Idaho (CCI) was organized in early 2009. The members saw value in the communication with one another which has grown into a formal organization. The coalition provides community groups with the opportunity to receive mentoring as they formalize their own coalitions. It also offers the opportunity for members to share information and resources. The group has a monthly conference call and plans to have face to face meetings at least three times a year. Their next in-person meeting will be held in Moscow on March 24 and 25. The coalition has adopted a framework for this and future agendas with three priorities, (1) CCI infrastructure, (2) individual member education (learning more about one another to guide individual member growth), and (3) state advocacy that benefits prevention efforts individually and statewide.

Current coalition members as well as community members interested in starting a coalition in their community are encouraged to participate in the monthly phone calls and attend meetings. You can contact me at pappint@dhw.idaho.gov or via phone at 208.334.6542 for more information on CCI and their meetings.

QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CLINICAL PERSONNEL

John Kirsch



Beginning February 15, 2011 in accordance with Division of Behavioral Health Policy #2010-02, only GAIN I Assessments conducted on the GAIN ABS Website will be reimbursed by the Department. These include assessments conducted on the GAIN Stand Alone for use in locations where web access is unavailable.

This policy was intended to go into effect January 1, 2011 but was delayed until February 15, 2011, due to a malfunction in the GAIN Stand Alone system.

Users who have been utilizing the GAIN Stand Alone prior to the malfunction, may resume use with the following directions:

Stand Alone users need to reopen Stand Alone and log into the user console. After it pulls down the system data, it should automatically prompt them with the "Do you want to check for updates" message. If it does not automatically prompt you, go to the User Console to Help -> Check for Updates. The update manager will open and you can proceed through the update process. It operates just like it did in the past and the upgrade directions in the Installation and Tools manual can be used as a guide if needed. After the update, Stand Alone needs to be fully exited and reopened and the system data will reload. After that everything should be back to normal. During the installation or update process users will receive a pair of message boxes that say "Log File Access Denied"; click Ok. This does not affect the performance of the Stand Alone; you will receive it only that initial time.

Users who have yet to install and use the GAIN Stand Alone may go to the GAIN Stand Alone Installation and Tools Manual, and the GAIN Stand Alone User Manual located on the SUD Website under the sub-heading 'GAIN Instruments':

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/SubstanceUseDisorders/WITSGAIN/tabid/781/Default.aspx>

ATR-3 PROVIDER UPDATE

Michael Bartlett

BPA and DHW provided additional training to referral sources for the adult misdemeanor population the week of January 24th. Seven misdemeanor ATR clients were successfully admitted into ATR funded treatment for the pilot and the referral sources for this population have begun submitting additional referrals to BPA as of February 1st. Michael Bartlett, ATR Project Coordinator from DHW and Suzette Driscoll from BPA conducted four GPRA webinar trainings for providers on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, February 2 @ 10 AM MST

Friday, February 4 @ 10 AM MST

Wednesday, February 9 @ 10 AM MST

Friday, February 11 @ 10 AM MST



DHW continues to collaborate with a workgroup to address the implementation of the adolescent re-entry clients for ATR services. We are currently addressing budget allocation issues and services to be provided to these clients. There will be further updates regarding the implementation date for this population. Marketing materials have been printed for the National Guard clients and will be distributed later this month. DHW will continue to work with Idaho National Guard personnel to identify possible marketing events to present ATR services and availability to potential clients.

WITS PROVIDER UPDATE

Treena Clark

Over the last few months, the Department and BPA have been working with FEI to design and build ATR WITS modules specific to Idaho. Progress is slow...but there has been progress! Changes to the Program Enrollment module will happen in March and the Department will be updating the User Guidance document to reflect these changes.

The Department is putting together a Project Team that will work to develop business rules, define and structure modifications specific to Idaho, and assist with the implementation of the WITS system. The Project Team will include representatives from the provider community.

We have also adopted the following terms for WITS:

ATR WITS--Refers to the ATR "package" that FEI built specifically for the ATR grant. Idaho received funding through the grant to purchase the core ATR package.

Basic WITS--Refers to the modules to be used for non-ATR populations. This includes the modules that providers are currently using and the modules designed for TEDS data collection.

Requirements Manuals--Refers to User Guidance Documents for ATR WITS and Basic WITS

We remain on target to begin provider training in the spring on additional modules in Basic WITS and will work with the Project Team to establish timelines for the full implementation of WITS. We will be posting updates on the website as things develop.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS

Please forward questions regarding this newsletter to Danielle Miller - millerd@dhw.idaho.gov.